

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3472

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, RP

SUBJECT: GRENADE EXPLODES AND EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT PRESIDENTIAL  
MANSION IN BAGUIO

1. MANILA MEDIA AND WIRE SERVICES REPORTED MARCH 27  
THAT A GRENADE WAS THROWN AT THE PRESIDENTIAL "MANSION  
HOUSE" IN BAGUIO AT 3:00 A.M., MARCH 26 (EASTER SUNDAY).  
MRS. MARCOS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO USE MANSION HOUSE THAT  
NIGHT BUT HAD CANCELLED PLANS. THE GRENADE WAS AIMED AT  
FRONT DOOR BUT HIT FLAGPOLE AND EXPLODED HARMLESSLY.  
SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REPORTEDLY TURNED UP "HEAVY EXPLOSIVES"  
PLANTED IN A BATHROOM DIRECTLY BENEATH PRESIDENTIAL BEDROOM  
AND IN AN AIDE'S OFFICE. NO SUSPECTS HAVE YET BEEN ARRESTED.

2. DURING A FAREWELL CALL MARCH 27, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM  
ASKED GENERAL ESPINO (WHO WAS TO SEE MARCOS SHORTLY) TO  
CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT THE AMBASSADOR'S RELIEF THAT THERE  
HAD BEEN NO TRAGIC ACCIDENTS IN BAGUIO.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL BE SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE INCIDENT AS AVAILABLE. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT  
KNOW WHETHER IT REPRESENTED A LEGITIMATE THREAT  
AGAINST THE MARCOSES. THERE IS SOME INEVITABLE  
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SPECULATION AROUND TOWN THAT THE INCIDENT WAS WHOLLY  
OR PARTLY CONTRIVED BY THE GOP.  
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## Message Attributes

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